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George Wilson, W4OYI resigns as ARRL president, congress wants to freeze the F.C.C.'s budget and a ham radio computer hacker strikes a plea bargain in a major cyberspace case. These stories and more on Newsline report number 934 coming your way right now.

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GEORGE WILSON STEPS DOWN AS ARRL PRESIDENT

One of the most popular presidents in the history of the American Radio Relay League has resigned. George Wilson, W4OYI says that his continued poor health makes it impossible to remain as the leader of the United States only recognized Amateur Radio Society.

George S. Wilson, W4OYI has tendered his resignation as president of the American Radio Relay League. In his letter to the Leagues' Secretary and forwarded to Board of Directors, President Wilson cites his ongoing health problems leading to his inability to travel, and expected long term rehabilitation as the primary reasons for his decision to step aside.

As most listeners are aware, President Wilson suffered a serious stroke last February while in Washington, D.C. on ARRL related business. He spent two months in a hospital nearby the nations capital before being transferred to a rehabilitation center in Indiana. It was from that facility that W4OYI issued his resignation letter on July 1st.

Replacing George Wilson as League President is Rod Stafford, KB6ZV of San Jose, California. As the ARRL's first vice president, Rod has been serving as the League's Acting President since W4OYI became incapacitated. He now officially assumes the job full time.

Jay Holliday, W6EJJ, of Los Angeles, California will be

automatically elevated to the First Vice Presidents chair, replacing Stafford. His Second Vice President's position will be filled at a later date.

In his term as the ARRL's President, George S. Wilson has instituted many changes that have affected every soul of the United States Amateur Radio Service. That is a story in itself which we will cover in future Newsline reports.

Don't look for any immediate shift in ARRL policy as a result of this change in top level ARRL leadership. This is because Rod Stafford and George Wilson come from similar backgrounds. Both are attorneys with Stafford also having served as a judge. As a result, most of the programs undertaken under George Wilson will probably be carried on by Rod Stafford. At least for the time being.

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F.C.C. FUNDING FREEZE

Congress is considering whether to freeze the 186 million dollar budget of the Federal Communications Commission. This, at a time when it may greatly expand the agency's powers.

The proposed freeze was written by Representatives Jack Fields of Texas, and Edward Markey of Massachusetts. They are the chairman and senior Democrat, respectively, of the House Commerce telecommunications subcommittee.

F.C.C. chairman Reed Hundt says that a proposed appropriation freeze for fiscal year 1996 would not provide enough money to carry out new telecommunications laws unless the agency curtailed its other activities. This could have a marked negative impact on all services including Amateur Radio.

The F.C.C., backed by the Clinton administration had requested 223.6 million dollars for fiscal year 1996. No additional employees would be hired. Most of the additional money would go to computerizing the agency.

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N6NHG GETS A PLEA BARGAIN

Ham Radio super hacker Kevin David Mitnick, N6NHG has lucked out once again. The Los Angeles computer hacker arrested last winter in Raleigh North Carolina after a nationwide hunt through cyberspace has reached a plea bargain with federal prosecutors. An agreement that could have him back on the street in a few months.

According to the Raleigh News & Observer, the plea bargain throws out all but one of twenty three charges Mitnick faced. It also calls for no more than an eight month prison sentence on the

remaining complaint. The Raleigh paper says that under the plea agreement, Mitnick, who has been held in North Carolina jails since his arrest, admits possessing 15 telephone numbers he cloned so he could burrow into computer systems.

The remaining 22 charges will be dismissed and he is likely to receive credit for time served while awaiting trial.

But Mitnick's problems are not over yet. He will probably face prosecution in several other jurisdictions. One of the most likely in California where he is wanted for violating the terms of his probation.

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MORE TROUBLES FOR KV4FZ

More problems for Herbert L. Schoenbohm, KV4FZ. An administrative law judge assigned to handle a review of his application to renew his Extra class license has granted a request filed by the F-C-C's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau to expand the issues brought in the case. Judge Edward Luton issued an order on June 7th in which he says, quote "it appears that during amateur radio communications made by him on April 3rd 1995, Schoenbohm stated that while he is not permitted to make any requests for political intervention in this matter, other people could make such requests on his behalf". KV4FZ is then alleged to have provided the name, address and telephone number of Congressman Victor Frazer.

The government contends that the Schoenbohm license renewal is a restricted proceeding. It says that Schoenbohm's actions may have violated the Commissions rules regarding ex parte presentations. Based on this allegation, Judge Luton granted the F.C.C.'s motion to expand the probe.

You may remember that several months ago Schoenbohm was ordered to show cause why his the F.C.C. should grant him renewal of his amateur radio license. This in light of his conviction on the unauthorized use of long distance telephone access codes. While this is not a violation of the Part 97 F.C.C. amateur service rules, the F.C.C. believes that it has the right to deny any citizen a license if they believe he or she has shown disregard for any law.

Until now, this regulatory interpretation has been used primarily in the broadcast and land mobile services. Schoenbohm is one of the first ham radio operators to have his license renewal challenged under this policy.

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ARRL ON RM-8626

The ARRL has filed some very strong words for publisher Fred

Maia, W5YI. This, in its reply comments to the F.C.C. on RM-8626. This is the petition for rule making filed by Maia that seeks to prohibit Amateur Radio stations from transmitting one way information bulletins and international Morse code practice below 30 MHz.

The fact that the ARRL would not support Maia's petition comes as no surprise. But what is unusual is one particular comment the League made in opposing Maia's idea. Most of the comments, the League sez, perceived Maia's effort to have been driven by his commercial interests. He publishes a newsletter aimed at amateur radio operators, he sells examination preparation materials, including Morse Code tapes. The League points out that its W1AW daily HF code practice sessions, which Maia's proposal would ban, are available free of charge. The League calls Maia's petition ill conceived and unthinkable. And it sez the comments strongly support the timely dissemination of amateur radio information, such as the declaration of voluntary communications emergencies by the F.C.C. and information about disaster relief communications. Among the comments filed in response to Maia's petition, support for the idea is minimal. Opposition is overwhelming. For those reasons, the League sez, Fred Maia's proposal should be dismissed without further delay.

By the way. Some 537 comments were received by the F.C.C. on RM-8626. Almost all opposed the Maia scheme. The ARRL notes that this is an extraordinarily large number of comments in response to any rule making petition. The League says that indicates the depth of the sentiment of amateur radio operators opposed to the W5YI petition.

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W9CSX S.K.

Some sad news to report. Word that Marvin Camras, W9CSX, the man credited with the invention of magnetic tape recording, died June 23, in Evanston, Illinois at age 79.

According to The New York Times, Camras worked and taught at the Illinois Institute of Technology for more than 50 years. As a student in the late 1930s, he built a magnetic wire recorder and later discovered that making recordings on magnetic tape made splicing easier.

In 1944 he was awarded a patent on method and means of magnetic recording and received the National Medal of Technology in 1990. He was awarded more than 500 patents for his work and they were licensed to more than 100 manufacturers.

Marvin Camras was first licensed as W9CSX in the late 1930s and held that call sign until his death.

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GET YOUR CALL

Do you know someone who is anxiously awaiting a brand new or a first call sign? Recent F.C.C. rule changes allow new hams to start operating as soon as the license is granted, and the Commission is now making licensing transactions available on a daily basis.

Unfortunately, the F.C.C.'s phone lines are often busy, so tell that eager new ham to call A.R.R.L. at 1-800-326-3942, between 8AM and 4PM Eastern Time. By doing so, he or she can easily find out their new call sign.

Also, if a V.E.C. is using electronic filing, licensing information will likely be available 7 to 10 days after the exam.

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COAST GUARD NET CHANGE

As of July 1st, the U-S Coast Guard Ham Net move its call-up one hour earlier to 16:00 UTC. The change is being made to allow the Maritime Net to operate without a break in their schedule.

The Coast Guard Net meets each Saturday on 14 dot 300 MHz. It is a directed net open to all active and former U.S. Coast Guard personnel, U.S.P.H.S. Doctors and US Coast Guard Auxiliary. The objective is to share news about the Guard and make new friends with common interests and renew friendships.

Net control operators are needed. Please contact KE7A via packet at W05H in Dallas, Texas.

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HIRAM IMPROVED

Hiram, the A.R.R.L. Headquarters BBS is once again capable of accepting uploads again! The new number is area code 203-594-0306.

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UK REPEATER QRT

If you are planning to visit Great Britain this summer, heres a heads up. The 2 meter repeater near the city of Jersey is temporarily off the air. The GB3GJ repeater will remain silent until a notice of variance to permit it to change sites is issued by British licensing authorities later this year.

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UK MORSE PRACTICE CUTBACK

The Radio Society of Great Britain reports that its GB2CW Morse Code practice transmissions for the greater Glasgow area have been trimmed back to once a week for the summer months. The current schedule is Wednesday evening starting at 20:00 hours U.T.C. on 14.250 MHz.

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COLLINS CONVENTION

The Collins Collectors Association will hold their second annual convention in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on August 12 and 13, 1995. Included will be a tour of the Collins Radio museum and antenna farm; displays of one of a kind Collins equipment, and "a very interesting program" at the Saturday evening dinner. The Cedar Valley ARC annual hamfest will be held on Sunday, August 13. To register for the convention, contact Tom Vinson, NY0V or Rod Blocksom, K0DAS at their call book address.

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SA AMSAT SPACE COMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE

The Southern Africa Amateur Radio Satellite Association will be holding its annual Space Communications conference in Durban, South Africa. Spacecon '95 will be presented in cooperation with the University of Natal's Department of Electronic Engineering on September 9. The theme of Spacecon '95 is Development through Experimentation.

While a number of proposals for presentations have already been received, there is still opportunity to submit proposals for papers. Please send synopsis of a proposed papers to Spacecon '95, Post Office Box 1842, Hillcrest 3650, South Africa before July 20th.

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DX-WESTERN SAHARA

In DX, KC0PA, who was active earlier this spring from the Western Sahara, has returned to the country for additional duty until August. He has resolved his legitimacy problems with the Leagues DXCC desk and is signing 4U/KC0PA. The DXCC Desk advised him that they would have great difficulty in approving his operation using an S0 call, but if he obtained permission from the United Nations commander to operate and used the 4U prefix, his operation would probably be approved. Tim has obtained the appropriate approval from the UN commander and is, therefore, hopeful that his current operation will receive the blessings of the DXCC. Unfortunately, contacts made prior to his return to Western Sahara will not count for DXCC credit. His QSL Manager is

VE9RHS.

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